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In the disclosure:

The paragraph beginning at page 12, line 22 is changed to read as follows:

--Still referring to Fig. 4, another step of the method of the present invention is to arrange (by suitable pre-programming) for the PLC to automatically use a permanent-type TCP connection to a control or monitoring element, based on an analysis of the communications with the control of monitoring element, such as, e.g. whether the device is queried frequently enough to warrant maintaining the connection as a permanent-type connection. A permanent-type TCP connection is simply a TCP connection, between two network I/O devices, that is not closed, at least not immediately, after it is first opened and transactions or data at hand are transmitted from one of the devices to the other. Instead, the connection is left open for later use in communicating between the two devices additional transactions or data.--

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